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The Phantom comes to Valley

Theater Arts Department

Phantom of the Opera by Chauls and Robinett
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Swimmers swamped

LAVC swim meet at Pasadena was cancelled last Friday due to lightning storm. MAGDI ABRAHIM / Valley Star

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Campus Concert Series

Dr. Eleanor Hammer will play the organ at 11 a.m. in the music recital hall on Thursday, March 26. Admission is free.

UCLA Transfer Advisor

Appointments are available for individuals from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 for a UCLA advisor in the Career Transfer Center. 11 - 12 is reserved for drop-in.

Stop Nuclear Weapons Testing

If the fact that the government spends billion of dollars on nuclear weapons is unappealing, Jason Star of The Hondreth Monkey Project will speak at Monarch Hall, March 30 from 11 a.m. until noon. His subject will be the demonstration to stop nuclear weapons testing.

Single Parent Support Group

The New Horizons Center is sponsoring a brown-bag support group for single parents onThursdays at 12 noon in bungalow 13/14. Please call Barbara Goldberg, ext. 332 if interested in attending. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Casablanca - IMS Filmex

The 1943 great movie will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in BSc 101 on Wednesday April 1. The movie stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

Former student files for State Assembly seat

By Robert Finkel
Political Editor

Dan Coen, 23, a former LAVC student, has filed to be a candidate for the vacant 40th district State Assembly seat. A graduate of San Jose State with a B.A. in radio and television broadcasting, Coen has worked as a sports announcer and in public relations. He has had no previous government experience.

In a telephone interview, Coen said he feels the three most important issues that affect the people are freedom of choice for women who want abortions, education funding and a state health plan for all Californians that work 17.5 hours per week or longer.

A novel approach to Coen's campaign in this age of "big-money politics" is that he is accepting no contributions as he battles the nearest thing to an incumbent, Barbara Friedman. Friedman, currently a state assemblywoman, has lost her district to gerrymandering. She has received the endorsement (and financial support) of established local politicians, a fact which angers Coen.

"The Waxman-Berman political money machine endorsed her before any other candidates had even announced," said Coen. She has rented an apartment in Van Nuys, but if elected, who will she represent? This terrible kind of politics is what inspired me to think about running in the first place."

Coen intends to fund his campaign out of his own pocket, and projects the budget will be under $500.

Coen graduated from other local schools Monlux, Madison Jr. High and Grant High before attending LAVC.

ACT-UP -- 'Hide HIV status'

By CATHERINE GUNN
Staff Writer

David Enos from AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) ended the week-long AIDS awareness presentation by speaking to students Friday about discrimination against AIDS patients by health care workers.

Enos advised listeners Friday to hide their positive HIV status from any doctor not involved in their primary care or doing invasive procedures. "It definitely will be used to discriminate," he said. "Doctors are human beings and they get scared."

"Asking for HIV status on medical forms is illegal," said Enos.

Specific ordinances, including the American Disabilities Act, stating HIV status cannot be used to deny care and the doctors' Hippocratic oath have not stopped discrimination against people with AIDS.

"Unless the reason for going is AIDS-related," said Enos, "I advise people not to tell." He said the primary care physician should be told because he needs to know in advance if the disease progresses.

Enos said he covertly gives needles to drug addicts in Los Angeles. According to Enos, while Los Angeles County will give bleach to clean contaminated needles, addicts are unlikely to use this procedure.

ACTUP states in its newsletter, which Enos helps publish, "our immediate priority as Clean Needles Now (CNN) [a committee of ACTUP] is that the purchase and possession of sterile injections equipment be decriminalized."

Enos said he covertly gives needles to drug addicts in Los Angeles.

Before clean needle distribution was legal in New York, a judge ruled in favor of needle-distributing defendants, citing overiding health concerns, said Enos.

Enos noted the coalescence of gays after Gov. Wilson vetoed AB 101, a bill prohibiting discrimination against gays an d lesbians in the work place, but said that people must see a connection between AIDS misinformation and discrimination against gays.

The AIDS epidemic is behind the increase in gay bashing, said Enos, which has increased up in the last three years.

The media is guility of blurring activism and homosexual status, said Enos. Many reporters assume volunteers in ACTUP are homosexuals agitating for homosexual issues, when "our group has diverse lifestyles."

Enos said ACTUP was recently involved in controversy surrounding a Ventura County man who was allegedly denied a bandage from a health care worker after he said he was HIV positive. "Reporters saw what was happening in Ventura as a gay and lesbian issue," he said.

As for doctors revealing they are HIV positive, Enos said that ACTUP's official policy is not to inform. "But I understand the fear," he said.

"If the doctor is using precaution, you do not need to know," Enos said. Chances are of infection are so infintesimal it is not worth the invasion of privacy. "There are a million other questions that are more important."

Universal precautions should protect both doctor and patient, said Enos. If a doctor does not use sterile gloves during any procedure, assume he is a bad doctor and leave, said Enos.

ACTUP has mounted a mass educational effort at every step to reduce new exposures. Enos said the homosexual community campaign has been successful and the highest exposure rate today is among black and Puerto Rican heterosexual 16-25 year olds.

ACTUP gave condoms to high school students before the Los Angeles Unified School District authorized their distribution in January.

"We found the kids to be supportive, embarrassed or glad because we were educating their friends," said Enos. "A lot of kids came to school board meetings to show support."

"If the school board said it didn't have money, ACTUP along with other organizations would have paid for the condoms." said Enos.

ACTUP is funded by private donations. Its meeting are held Mondays at 7 p.m. in Plummer Park, West Hollywood.

Sister Aisha Muhammad from L. A. temple #27, speaks about African women, knowledge, strength and power gathering at Monarch Hall on Wednesday. LEN LY / Valley Star

Black women fight for recognition

By ISMAIL SHABAZZ
Staff Writer

African women at Los Angeles Valley College celebrated Women's History Month yesterday with *African Women: Knowledge, Strength and Power*, a presentation and demonstration of the abilities of progressive black women.

"It's mandatory," said Tara Sims, event co-organizer, "It's a must, to show black women are not just 'mammies.'" Savagely displayed by the media as "welfare recipients and single-moms," said Sims, and at the bottom level of society, black women have made enormous strides, continuing to fight daily for recognition.

The Black National Anthem greeted attendees to the event, which focused on perceptions of women. Keynote speaker, Muslim Min. Aisha Muhammad, said black women are "queens of the planet, ones to be respected." and added, "The home is the base, but not necessarily the place of the woman."

She focused on issues plaguing women, like sexual harassment. "Women should focus on establishing businesses of their own." Muhammad said this will end negative treatment of women in the work place.

Receiving awards, presented by the Black Student Union and co-organizers Tara Sims and Emma Jackson, for outstanding services at LAVC were African Studies Professor Barbara T. Stoffer and Counselor Cheryl Armstrong-Turner.

Valencia Shelton spoke from her "perspective as a single mother of four and as a grandmother" on the "perfect complement to man—woman."

A former social worker with 15 years experience as an LAPD officer, Shelton said she had encountered sexism and racism from various people, like a former LAPD commander who said, "Women and minorities lower the standards [of the LAPD]."

Running from noon until 3 p.m., the event also featured singer Vallis Hardy performing Tina Marie's *Light*, a musical tribute to Jesus the Christ.

But what about holding hands?

By Mark Morford
Staff Writer

Add to that ever-fickle and always irrelevant dictionary of contemporary buzzwords the term *sexual harassment.* Look it up. LA Valley College has, and it is now a matter of policy. Yes, on page twelve of the LAVC General Course Catalog, upper left-hard corner, there it is in vague black and grey jargon;

Within the educational environment, sexual harassment (unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communications constituting sexual harassment]) is prohibited between students, between students and employees, and between students and non-students. . . [etc.].

The full-length version, the District Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures, is freely available in the Office of Academic Affairs. It elaborates on the above, defining harassment, in part, as;

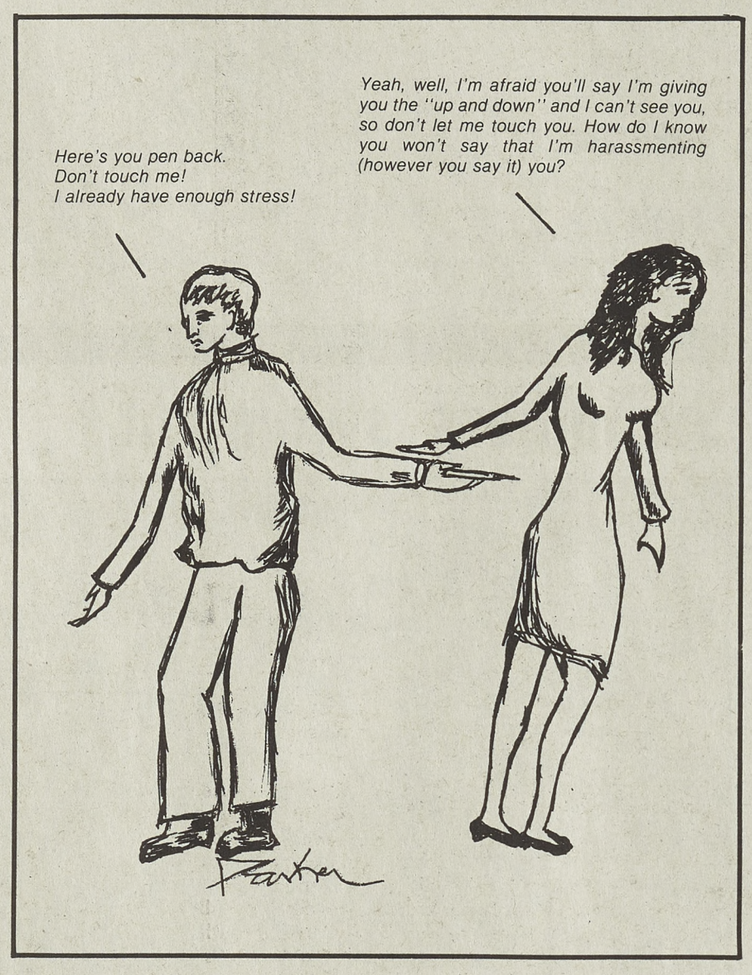
Making unsolicited written, verbal, physical, and/or visual contact with sexual overtones. [Such as] suggestive or obscene letters, notes, and invitations . . . derogatory comments, slurs, jokes, and epithets . . . leering, gestures, displays of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, and posters.

Now, I was fairly strong in math (really I was), but it's still difficult for me to calculate the myriad of ways this policy can be interpreted, not to mention applied. Most of us are very aware that, generally speaking, women are still oppressed and ill-treated in terms of career opportunities, pay scales, and even quality of life when compared to their male counterparts. It's even visible here at Valley. With the new trend of screaming "harassment" at the slightest indiscretion, the forward movement of feminism screeches to a halt.

Sexual harassment is an unwelcome bastard offspring of the once-powerful and still crucial feminist movement, which until recently was making great strides toward equality. This bastard is parricidal. It's doing more than giving feminism a bad name, it's undermining the whole purpose of the movement by shifting the focus away from the real issues of oppression and inequality to that of personal vindication and tabloid sensationalism. It becomes not a question of whether or not women should be treated equally (you have to ask?), but a question of regulating social behavior, with the Morals Police breathing down your neck at every turn, at every gesture, at every fun and flirtatious glance. But due to space limitations, I'll try to stick to Valley College and the transgressions happening here, because according to policy, we're *all* in trouble with the law.

In an ironically funny sort of way, it's frightening to think what would happen here at Valley if such a policy were actually *enforced.* Without exaggeration, easily 90 percent of the faculty would be gone. Out. Fired. Kaputt. But of course, it wouldn't really matter, because a full 99.9 percent of the student body (you Amish excepted), would be promptly and gleefully expelled. For good.

Hard to believe? Think I'm joking? The joke's on you, pal. Welcome to the 90's, the Decade of Deterioration. Allow me to throw some not-so-hypothetical situations at you, and you tell me whether or not they constitute harassment, OK? Let's start easy: the teacher who wants to bed a student from his class. Harassment? It depends, you say? What if she's *not* in his class? What about students who proposition teachers? Or the instructor who sees one of his students *off campus* and propositions her? If there is "reciprocal attraction," the policy says, then there's no problem. If not, then there's probably grounds for a harassment suit. So much for courtship. So much for seduction. How about the student who, *on our sacred campus,* says some sexist comment to another student? What about mild sexual comments meant to be flattering? It's all in the interpretation of the policy, and the thing is chock full of irrational guidelines. In other words, harassment, as a punishable offense, has such an incredibly absurd and obtuse set of standards and definitions surrounding it that there is *no way* any of us can avoid the allegation. And don't forget, girls, this allegation works in both directions.


Here's you pen back.
Don't touch me!
I already have enough stress!
Yeah, well, I'm afraid you'll say I'm giving you the "up and down" and I can't see you, so don't let me touch you. How do I know you won't say that I'm harassmenting (however you say it) you?

The list of possible scenarios is endless, and I'm already getting nauseous. We've got several truly excellent teachers here who are already underpaid and under-respected, and God knows the last thing they need is some squealing, self-righteous student claiming that they said some suggestive or sexist remark to them in class or on campus.

How in the hell do you effectively teach poetry, philosophy, literature, almost anything, without talking about sex at some point? And how can you make it interesting without joking, without sarcasm, without the wonderful slaughtering of some Politically Correct sacred cows? You can't. You shouldn't try. And outside the classroom? No sexual advances between students?! No suggestive comments? Between anyone?! No sexually charged communications (read: flirting)?! Are you *kidding*?!? Not only is that ludicrous, it's insulting to the intelligence of any self-respecting, gender-respecting, sexually active, responsible adult (and there are damn few of us left) -- male or female.

Yes, yes, I'm fully aware that there are legitimate problems in this area, so put down your poisoned pen. Physical harm from rape or battery, extreme emotional stress, severe gender-related antagonism and slander, and so forth are all protected under either criminal or civil law, depending on severity. I certainly don't dispute the need for those laws, even if they are often enforced far too arbitrarily.

The point here is that by setting up a policy which, for the most part, attempts to restrict and regulate the natural, normal, healthy sexual behavior between adults (read between the lines of the policy -- that's what it wants to do), even if the behavior is a bit indecent or disparaging, the only possible result of such rules is the further unraveling of the already strained and threadbare fabric of male/female relationships. If you can't handle sex and all the minor snags that go along with it, if you can't take care of *yourself* when dealing with sex, what are you doing in the human race? What in effect happens is what was once a bridgeable gap between the sexes becomes a dangerous abyss, with snarling lawyers waiting at the bottom like crocodiles.

As the issue of harassment advances, expect an atmosphere of tension and mistrust to develop not only on college campuses, but in any work place, social setting, or cultural medium.

As long as harassment is a major issue, women's rights are at a standstill, and the real beauty and fun we get out of being sexual creatures is threatened. After all, half the fun of life comes from trying to get each other into bed, and the other half comes from what happens when we succeed at it. We need to lighten up and try to enjoy the sexual dynamics of our species, and renounce this PC mentality which promotes only animosity, gender isolationism, and bitterness. How about making *that* a matter of policy?

Who's to blame?

By JOEZEN PUNONGBAYAN
Opinion Editor

Who's to blame? What am I doing wrong? I've read all there is to know about women. I just can't seem to get it right.

It would help if there was some uniformity, but that target is as elusive as the end of the rainbow. If I could only get into the frame of mind of all the women I date. See how they arrive at certain decisions, change them and then fuss about the outcome regardless if it was positive or negative.

It's a losing game. But what the hell would I be doing with my life if I didn't try.

I'd be sitting alone watching TV totally engulfed with the wide range of portrayals of women: the mother, the housewife, the dominatrix, the subservients, the whores and even the independent women who don't need men ever!

Or maybe I'd go out with a group of male friends to a basketball game and talk about sports and sports and sports. When that subject ran its course, we'd probably end up talking about, what else, women. Especially those two fine babes a few rows in front of us. How we'd love to get them in bed.

Being a young, virile male these days is extremely intimidating. We have to act in a certain way so people won't get the wrong idea. There isn't any room for showing any emotions that we may feel. We are expected to be the aggressors in society, and when we let out a faint trace of femininity, we are branded as wimps, or even worse, as WOMEN!

What could be more degrading to us than to be called women? Even men who empathize with women are blatantly humiliated in front of their male comrades. They quickly renounce their behavior and find themselves back on the other end where they belong.

Luckily, all is forgiven. "t was just a slip. I don't know what came over me, but it won't happen again. So, did you hear about the broad who...?"

I hate to admit that I engage in such conversations. But there is an overwhelming pressure placed on the man that sometimes is just too powerful. In my first or second week in a class at LAVC, I struck up a conversation with this guy who seemed pretty cool.

Suddenly he sees a nice looking girl approach the front desk to grab a few worksheets. He then proceeds to make a lude comment. "Look at those legs on her...I'd go to bed with her." I found myself in an awkward position.

Was I suppose to make an even louder comment to surpass that of my classmate? Or was I to tell him that his comment wasn't very kind? This is what males have to deal with everyday.

This, I understand, is not the fault of anybody but myself. It's not fair to pass the blame on to the guys who put the pressure. It's not fair to blame the women who aren't asking for anything. So it's time to deal with it on an individual basis. I will have to live with myself and look at myself in the mirror.

Within the female race there are so many diverse appearances, personalities and minds. If we look at everybody as individuals with unique thoughts and opinions, we would end the generalization that all women are this and all women are that. Some probably are, but we cannot assume that all are, even if in all our experiences with women it appears to be so.

If all women shared the same ideas, goals and prejudices, and if all men were alike, there would be no fun in trying to understand anyone. It would be a very boring world.

Women can nurture world

By TAMARA CHRISTIAN
Staff Writer

Women should run the country.

Not because I think we are superior in intelligence or we are stronger willed. My opinion is based soley upon instinct.

Women have an incredible gift for bearing children, and the automatic feeling is to protect, shelter, feed or more elementarily, mother her child.

If women ran the countries of the world, it would not eliminate war entirely but I definitely think a woman would re-consider sending out America's sons and daughters simply for protecting their lives and possibly think of another solution for a problem such as war.

But war would not become totally obsolete, for if you've ever seen two woman fight or plot to get what they want it could be pretty nasty. It's just that when they do get what they want, they are willing to nurture it.

For example when a responsible woman is pregnant she will feed, exercise and acknowledge her body for two.

If "she" were to run the country she would feed her people, exercise her responsibility to them and to the best of her ability see what needs to be done for them.

I am aware of Imelda Marcos and I definitely would not compare her to Mother Teresa, but if you think about some of the men in our government presently, they're not exactly great humanitarians.

I am in no way bashing men, nor putting any cliches on their character, just asking each individual man to step aside and hypothetically visualize *Big Mother* as opposed to *Big Brother.*

Now lets get to the facts: who most likely and probably invented organized religion?

Men.

Who invented government, the dollar, organized crime, insurance?

Men.

Not to say that they are totally negative, but they are not absolutely positive aspects of life either.

Ask yourself this question, why do we or others call this planet "mother earth"? Some might say because she provides for everything that occupies her, so why not let "her" provide for the living breathing creatures on and in her society.

I am not an extreme feminist nor do I have hatred for men. I just think that women would be more sensitive to all our needs and that she would protect all of her children.

I am aware of the downfalls that follow this suggestion but are you aware of the downfalls that we face in the world today?

Wouldn't it be interesting to see how a woman would run things for a while?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Thursday, March 19, 1992, edition of the *Valley Star*, the article entitled "ASU Chief Justice resigns after judicial inquiry," by Ms. Tamara Christian, staff writer, provides some interesting insights by those people who were interviewed for the story.

For the benefit of the *Valley Star* readers, I wish to point out that comments quoted in the article were made after the fact of the March 9, Board of Inquiry. When all is said and done in a situation like this, it is quite understandable to purposes, is over and done with.

I did my duties to the very best of my ability. No one has to like it. The post of ASU Chief Justice was not meant to be a glamourous one, nor one that necessarily is expected to be rewarded by the ASU Government. However, it is a post that is weighted with the responsibility of trying to administer student government laws over the ASU forum.

Yet, in 25 years, the ASU Judicial Branch, had only one truly functioning court system— mine— during my tenure. As a result, the whole judicial branch chartered into unchartered waters— eventually to grow and become a functioning branch of government within the ASU.

25 cases had been done in the span of one year. Under two ASU administrations, the judicial branch has become more active and more involved with the students and their needs. Despite the controversy, I believe there is no question that despite the bovine scatology that remains in the wake of this last case, the concepts and functions of justice have prevailed despite politics and all else ex post facto.

Eathan Guler

Bake Sale

Honey, I hate the '90s

By Raquel Vaccaro
Interview Editor

Honey, I had a nightmare last night. I dreamt I woke up and we were in the year 1992! As I looked around our house, I did not even recognize it.

I ran into my kitchen, gone were all my baking pans, and utensils. In their place -- all these electric appliances with all sorts of buttons.

Why, all my aprons were gone! I called out to you but you did not answer. I called the children but still no answer. I looked out the window to see our white picket fence was no longer there.

Our station wagon was replaced by a Honda, whatever that is, in the driveway. I was frightened and confused.

I stood in by kitchen in amazement, as I saw what appeared to be some sort of dishwasher. I also noticed a box-type oven with push buttons. Oh! How I longed for "my" kitchen back.

Things got worse. I ran to the phone, I was scared to touch what was in its place.

I ran down the hall and looked at our photo wall to see our children all grown up. Dear, I think we better give Kevin those braces.

I made it to our bathroom. It was no longer mine. The tile was replaced with marble. We had glass shower doors and two sinks! I was in a stranger's house.

Gone were all my homemade bedroom curtains and bedspreads. My braided rugs were replaced with wall-to-wall carpeting. It wasn't even that beautiful shag we were looking at the other day, but short and tufted. Everything was color coordinated--teal. Where were you?

As I went past my closet, gone were my house dresses. In their place were gray and black suits. A collection of pumps were along the bottom of the closet. Next to them was a black brief case with my initials followed by Esq. What does that mean, honey?

As I made my way to the laundry room, I saw myself in a mirror. Who was that person? Gone were my waves. My hair was straight and had these beautiful streaks. I made it to my laundry room only to see my ringer washing machine gone. A large box with buttons stared at me! Another was right next to it. It had more buttons and then it rang with this buzzing sound.

I had the feeling I was no longer the housewife I was meant to be and that was a frightening feeling. I hurried by the coffee table. Dear our new formica set was gone. And all my Good Housekeeping magazines were gone too. Honey what's a Ms.?

I kept thinking of all my baking I had to do for Sunday's bake sale. How do I get back to the 1950s? The realization that to be a women of the '90s was such a startling thought, that I soon awoke from my nightmare realizing that my struggle as a woman of the '50s was not as hard a struggle as what was coming up. All those buttons!

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Women of potential: take on religion

Woman's degradation is in man's idea of his sexual rights. Our religion, laws, customs, are all founded on the belief that woman was made for man. Come what will, my whole soul rejoices in the truth that I have uttered. ---Elizabeth Cady Stanton - Woman suffragette, 1860

By Chris Mayda
Editor in chief

History has been a cruel master for any but those in power - men. Slowly the masses came to gain some voice in their government with the vote and freedom from enslavement. Repressed and backward people tried communism as a way to bring them up to standards that other parts of the world enjoyed. But no matter where one goes in the world, no matter the color, black, brown, white or yellow, it is men who have been in the power. The very words themselves - "man" - "woman" - show the history.

Man -- the word in linguistic interpretation comes from a renaming of man in god's image, the Hindu god *Manu* a progenitor and author of human wisdom. This also points to the theory that - "man" - derives from the Greek *menos*, mind or Sanskrit *mens*, to think.

This is all heady stuff, man as God and the font of human wisdom. So woman must be the same. Wrong. Woman -- the word, comes from, wife of the man. That in itself sounds innocuous enough, but further investigation shows that wife stems from the word vibrate. Vibrate? Yes, as in shaking rapidly. This seems to come from one of two places, Latin *uibrare,* to ancient French *vipere*, Latin *vipera* and eventually to English *weever*, a fish with venomous spines.

If this definition is unpleasant to contemplate, try another route. Wife, derives from Old French *wif,* to take as a wife, which when taken back to its Germanic and then Semitic roots becomes *vepate,* 'the vibrator' or the veiled one, *vifinn* in Old Norse. To vibrate and to wave in the wind as a veil. A woman, a wife can stand next to a man, as his equal, wearing the word woman, or wife as the viper or veiled one.

It is no wonder that today so many of the women who have the voices of the media are crying about their abuse, their victimization. Women have been the victims of men, the women have been the sacrifice to the God -- of man.

The word victim itself comes form the word witch. Both derive from consecration or sacrifice to Gods in Old German. English antecedents are *uictime* from *wicca*, to be a witch, whereas the French translation of the word harkens from *wicca*, to *wigle* to old French *guile,* which connote a craftiness or trickery.

Both these definitions have a place in women's history. In fact they can be looked upon as basically the place of women in history and why the women's movement has been so strong in their cries in the past and present. History places woman at the side of man as his subordinate, his property, his necessary evil in order to continue his patrilineal line.

Every major religion on the earth today supports this theory: modern religion is ruled by men. Though modern reformation has updated areas of all the religions, they have been based on male dominance and rule and left the woman in a subordinate role. She has not been allowed power in the religious practices of man or in the modern religion of business. Only through the efforts of women as Elizabeth Stanton, an early pioneer of the woman's vote, or Germaine Greer, Kate Millet or Betty Freidan has woman gained any say in her surroundings.

The major religions of the world include most of the world's people. Christians are 33 percent of the world's population, Muslims 18 percent, Hindus 13 percent, Buddhists 6 percent and Jews less than 1 percent. The remaining people are either non-believers, members of folk and tribal religions or smaller based religions such as Confucian (listed in the almanac as less than 1 percent, but still a strong force in Communist-based China) or Shintoism of Japan. Here is how the major religions have treated women through history.

Christianity:

Women are not allowed in the hierarchy of the church. There has never been a woman Pope or even a woman priest. Though there have been some strides in accepting women into the clergy in Protestant religions, it is very recent and still far from equal.

The Catholic church's views on abortion (against) and birth control (against) affects women's lives, the choices they may make and the quality of life for those who follow the dogma of the church. The church never takes into consideration the world as it is today. Overpopulation is at the root of many of the ills society suffers.

Historically, Christians have looked as women as one of two things, the temptress -- whore or the virgin. The women saints of the Roman Catholic church have one thing in common; they were either widows who gave up their family life or, as with the overwhelming majority, virgins. Passion had a different meaning than commonly thought today. Christ went through his passions, his sufferings, as he mounted Calvary, and all saints were able to experience the divine passion of God, but not the bodily passion of the flesh.

St. Anthony gave his every possession to the villager so he could be relieved of sin. He went to the desert to be purified and was repeatedly tempted by beautiful women. He fought these dark powers by fasting, wearing coarse clothing and not bathing.

St. Lucy died a virgin rather than give in to the powers of the flesh. Legend says that when a pagan suitor admired her eyes she tore them out of their sockets and presented them on a plate to him asking to be left in peace in her chastity.

A woman was at her best when she was not sexual. There is no threat to man then, of the temptress, the serpent, viper, a person experiencing bodily passion. This coursed into the Protestant religions, the puritanical work ethic and the timid puritan who sees the prostitute as the incarnate of evil, shame and damnation. Until only very recently, a girl was expected to be a virgin for the man at her marriage bed, but he was not expected to be virginal.

In medieval Europe, the only place a woman was able to gain an education was if she withdrew from normal life, marriage and lived in a convent. Otherwise she became chattel to her husband. Any unfortunate woman who lived alone, was singled out as a witch, an outcast, and stood a good chance of being burned at the stake. In the years

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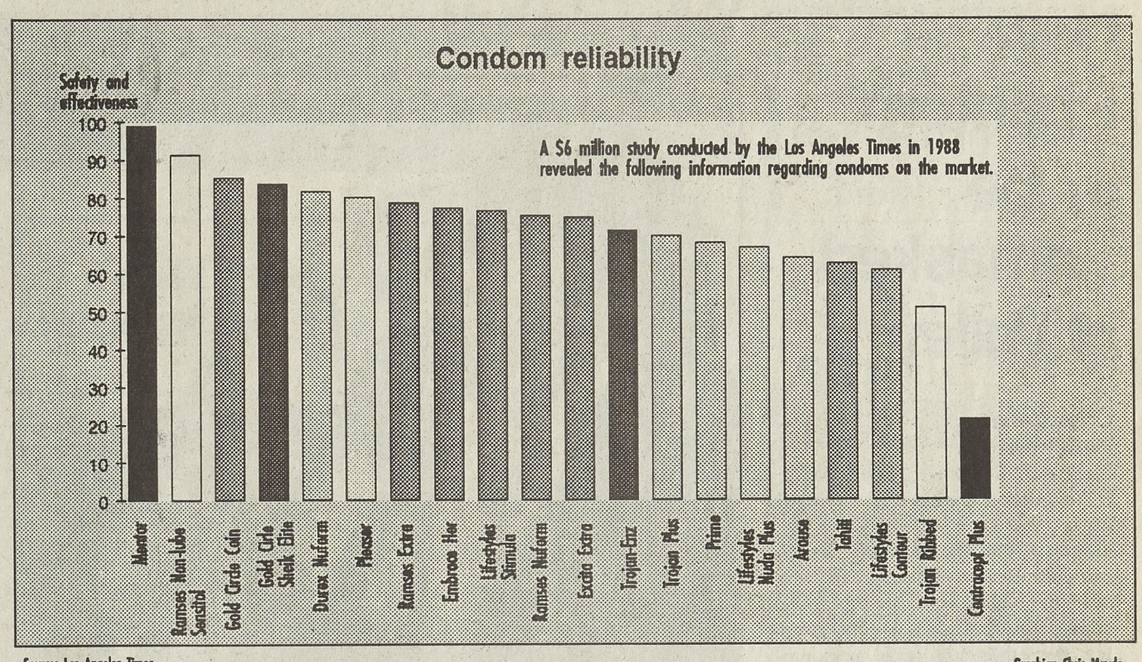

Counselor combats 'leprosy'

By CATHERINE GUNN
Staff Writer

"If you know someone with AIDS, be a friend." said Belew, "I guarantee he's been rejected."

Ed Belew used to work with people in the wee hours after their diagnosis hit their psyche and introduced them to their mortality.

Emotionally drained by daily tragedy, he shifted from in-take counseling with AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and became a public speaker, with more than 700 lectures to his credit.

"You guys are the smart ones," Belew told the audience in Monarch Hall March 16. With more than 209,000 confirmed AIDS patients and an estimated one million who carry the human immunodeficiency virus, AIDS has become "modern day leprosy," he said.

Belew described high-speed film of one victim's blood which contained the virus which destroys the body's ability to fight opportunistic infections. "The virus burrows into helper cells like a bug and blows them up."

Belew addressed two focii of media attention. The Florida dentist whose five patients have AIDS probably did not transmit the virus from himself, said Belew. He did not sterilize his instruments properly.

"Watch what happens with Magic," he said. Belew predicted that endorsements will dwindle, the attention will subside, and Laker guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson will be an erstwhile hero. "All those sponsors who were behind him are now weaning away from him."

AIDS, though communicable and infectious, is not easy to get. "People get it when they think they can't," said Belew.

Working on the APLA AIDS hotline, Belew has answered such questions as, "We were eating at Denny's and our waiter looked effeminant. Could we have gotten AIDS from him?" When told, "No, not unless you had sex with him," the caller hung up.

HIV patients tell how to treat them.

1. Laugh and smile more.
2. Don't be afraid to talk about the disease with them.
3. Don't them like lepers.
4. Don't be afraind to touch them.
5. Don't be afraid to show them when you are angry.

Though victims ask him what they did to deserve AIDS, he said, "It's a matter of the wrong sex with the wrong partner at the wrong time,"

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Public Health Service guidelines recommend testing for anyone who, since 1978, has had any sexually transmitted disease or has shared needles for injecting drugs, any man who has had sex a man, or anyone who has had sex with a prostitute, male or female.

Belew said the ELISA blood test should be taken every six months. Some flukes can take up to 18 months to show antibodies to the HIV virus, but most will show within 12 weeks.

In April, the Center for Disease Control will redefine AIDS to mean anyone who is HIV positive and shows one symptom of opportunistic infection.

After earning hours at APLA for his license, Belew now counsels privately, his specialty— drug addicts. Yet, it doesn't get any easier. "How can I convince people who are HIV-positive to stop using drugs?" he said.

Victims of AIDS speak out

By Brian Price
Staff Writer

More than 2/3 of the men, women and children infected with the AIDS virus have already died, was solemnly expressed last Tuesday night as a part of Awareness Week at LAVC's Monarch Hall.

LAVC presented a panel of gay persons with AIDS (PWA), along with LAVC's own Dr. Lois Bergquist. The panel of three male AIDS victims and Dr. Bergquist spoke of AIDS causes and effects as well as life after HIV.

Dr. Bergquist, who teaches a class for the Biology Department on AIDS awareness, talked about the AIDS epidemic. She described what it is, how it is transmitted, who can get it and how it can be prevented.

Todd Cronkite, Keith Kasai and Wayne Karr told how their lives had changed while they awaited an uncertain future as opportunistic diseases affected their everyday health and could suddenly end their lives.

They spoke of denial after learning they were HIV positive and later learning to build new lives, taking full advantage of the limited time they have left. With friends dying all around them, they told how they found the spirit to go on.

Kasai talked about his conservative family that could not accept his being gay, much less his being HIV positive.

The panel finished on an up beat. People with AIDS can live for years after they are infected. Proper care and good health habits may prolong their lives long enough for a cure to be found.

Though a cure may be found in the future, panel members stressed that today 67 percent of people infected with AIDS have died. Everyone must take care not to be infected, the panel concluded.

LAVC offers a class, "AIDS Biology and Impact", taught by Dr. Bergquist - Dr. B. It will be offered again in the fall from the Biology Department on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9. The class covers the physiology, psychology, sociology and economics of the AIDS' epidemic.

Glasses set writer apart

By CATHERINE GUNN
Staff Writer

After a week of activists, actors, speakers, bands, condoms, flyers, pamphlets and continual questions, the two sponsors reflected on the AIDS presentation they had worked on for three months.

In the banquet room of Monarch Hall Aaron Keller, vice president of the Gay and Lesbian alliance, and Melissa Hedish, Associated Student Union commissioner of student welfare, shared food with speakers and co-workers who had dispensed information about the deadly HIV virus.

More than 500 people attended various lectures, and 15 received vouchers to get tested at the Valley Community Clinic. "It's a triumph to get at least one," said Keller. One woman brought her nine-year-old daughter, he proudly noted.

Keller's deeper objective was that students learn to communicate with their partners, learn everything they can about AIDS, and have open discussion.

Parts of the presentation were devoted to discussing homophobia. "AIDS has been known as a gay disease," said Keller. "I wanted to show it's not true, that AIDS does not mean gay or lesbian."

"My consciousness was raised on women's issues," said Keller. Recurring gynocological disorders, including yeast infection, can be a sign of the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus.

Earlier Keller performed a one-act dramatic piece he had written, *Glasses*. Wearing glasses represented being set apart during painful adolescence.

"In junior high school, I didn't want to be different," said Keller. "Yet, I was a dancer, I was effeminant and I wore glasses." In the piece, this symbol of difference from other people was blamed for his misery, as 30 to 40 kids followed him around school taunting him.

"Suicide attempts were as common as walking to school," Keller told the audience.

Keller believes he went through a "baptisim by fire." He quotes Nietzsche: whatever does not kill me makes me stronger. "You must experience something bad in order to grow," he said. "With all the anger and depression, I have become an activist."

"I am taking pain and using it productively," he said.

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New Phantom to be unmasked at Valley

By Mark Marford
Staff Writer

('Yawn') I think we're all pretty tired of that same old warhorse production of *The Phantom of the Opera,* right? Really, that song "The Music of the Night" is starting to sound about as laborious as "Memories" from *Cats,* that other over-hyped mega-production. Well, I've got some good news. Forget Andrew Lloyd Webber. Forget Michael Crawford. Forget Robert Guillaume (not that he was memorable, anyway).

Valley College has something unique, and it costs less than admission to, say, *Wayne's World,* with far, far better value and quality for your money. For only five bucks for students ($7.00 for everyone else) you can see the world premiere of a brand new production of the *Phantom,* right here at Valley! No kidding! At the LAVC Little Theater April 2,3,4 and 9,10,11, at 8 p.m. the Department of Theater and Cinema Arts is presenting a **new musical version** of Gaston LeRoux's classic love story, starring Laura Diaz in the role of Christine and our own Bill Wallis, English teacher and ex-full-time opera singer, as the legendary masked marvel.

This production is from a new script by Joseph Robinette, with music by Robert Chauls (another Valley instructor), and is directed by Peter Parkin. It promises to be something special, and we all know anything new at Valley is cause for celebration in itself, so check it out. For Reservations, call (818) 781-1200, extension 353. Also, watch this space in the next couple of weeks for a full review of the musical (we hope).

Valley clarinets

SHARYN CADIA/ Valley Star

The LAVC wind ensemble performed Monday, March 23 under the direction of Irvin Pope. Next wind ensemble concert, May 18.

Women...

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of 1580 to 1640 alone, more than a million women were burned as witches.

Judaism:

The traditional law required that women be separate from men in worship. Women were excluded from all ritual matters. Since the opening pages of the holy book, the Bible states that woman was created after man, from his rib. Then she tempts him with the apple and the rest, well, that is history. Woman the temptress, the cause of original sin, and the cause for man's guilt toward sex. Though Jews constitute a very small section of society, the same basis is theirs as in Christianity -- the Bible.

Ancient Jewish prayer contains the passage of, thank you Lord that I am not a woman.

Buddhism:

Buddhists offered the common man the possibility of heaven. But there was a price; in an already overpopulated India the price was celibacy.

Sex became a great sin that the ascetic monks had to overcome many times on their road to nirvana. So though women were welcome into the religion, it was not as a wife or mother, but only in the guise of the saint. Buddhist nuns are not held in high esteem and are lower in status than monks. In Tibetan the very word for woman is *--low born.* No erotic element was allowed in a woman's persona. Even Buddhists nuns who have take their vows of chastity are seen as a threat to a monk's celibacy.

Hinduism:

Widow-burning, child marriage and polygamy (if the first marriage does not produce a male child) represent the historic view of Hinduism for women. Though most have now been replaced by modern views there still are stories coming from India of involuntary child marriage. Ritual life begins with the blessing of the pregnant mother to insure the safe arrival of a male child. A woman can never attain salvation until she is reborn a man.

The Hindu God of Manu says that women should never be free from subjugation to a male in her life-- first her father, later her husband, and if she should outlive him, the funeral pyre. She must treat her man like god. She is considered unclean and evil. Any man of upper strata Brahman who should lay with a Sudra, lower-caste woman has degraded his entire family to the lowest level and would suffer in hell as a result, before being reborn in some lowly animal form. A woman, no matter her caste, is still lower than any man.

Islam:

The religion of the veil still prevents many women from enjoying any rights. However, Islamic women have a fully independent legal personality and can inherit and own property.

But though this may be, men have used their rights and women, until recently, have been kept illiterate and unaware of their rights granted by Islam. In Kuwait women are still not allowed to vote, in Saudi Arabia to drive and in many countries women are still sequestered and hidden behind veil and clothing. Women are even today still treated with clitoris removal and sewing up their genitals until marriage when they are cut open to accomodate the man. The reasoning is, it insures purity.

Probably so.

Confucian:

Though China today is not allowed to practice its main religion, the mark still remains. The ancient idea of beauty in China was footbinding, where the woman was crippled with three-inch feet and made to hobble through life, passive, submissive, with staff or on the arm of a man. The double standard was the standard in China where a man may divorce his wife or have more than one wife, but the wife is not allowed these freedoms.

Today in Communist China, where they attempt to control a massive population with limiting births to one child per family, girl babies are killed so that the couple will try again in hopes of getting a boy child.

With more than half the world's population being women, the possibility of a religion or at least an organization that treats women as men have treated themselves is mind-boggling. Women need to see that their everyday lives must change, and believe that they, as women. deserve to be the victors, not the victims. Only when women grow beyond crying about their victimization, being sacrificed to the male god, then women will be ready to take power into their own hands and from the experience history has dealt them, they will know where it is in their best interest to rule and still allow men to rule where they operate best.

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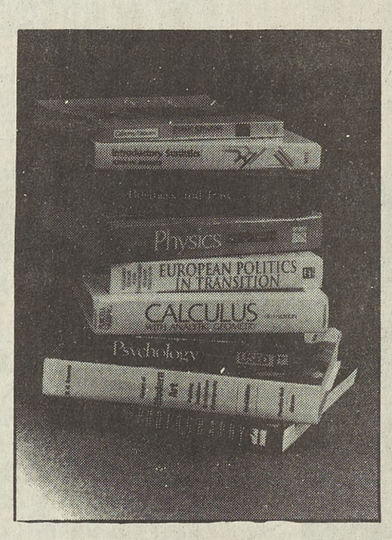

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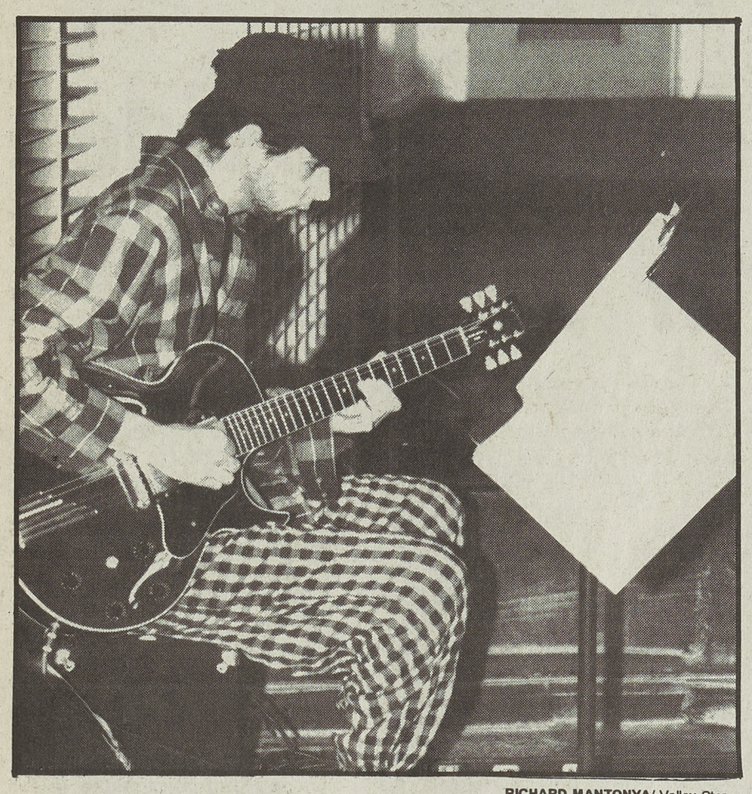

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Dan Ceritelli dressed to the teeth for band practice.

Raquel listens to a.....teacher

By Raquel Vaccaro
Interview Editor

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You enter her room, you notice each wall is decorated with artwork, charts, stories and educational facts. As she greets her students with her warm smile, you quickly see how much this teacher loves her job. Barbara Enterline, has been a teacher for 17 years. A graduate of Pacific University, Enterline is currently teaching second grade at Village Christian School, a private school in Sun Valley

Q. Why did you choose to be a teacher? A. I'm a people person, I love teaching children very much.

Q. What credentials are needed to be a teacher at this level? A. Your bachelor degree, plus a year of student teaching.

Q. Beginning salaries for someone just out of school? A. In the range of $20,000 per year. This varies from district to district.

Q. What did you learn in the class that you didn't learn in school? A. I used about 2 percent in the class that I learned in school. My real learning came from my student teaching year. There is a lot of public relations in teaching. I have 32 children in my class, so I learned crowd control quickly.

Q. Salaries in the private schools versus salaries in the public schools? A. Because of no state funding, salaries in the private schools are much lower. This also varies from district to district. The good news I have found is that because the parents are paying a very high cost to educate their children, there seems to be more parent participation in the private schools.

Q. Where is teaching headed? A. I see it going back to basics, teaching phonics for reading, less homework, more praise and teaching values.

Q. Job availabilities in teaching? A. Good teachers will always have a job. If a teacher wants to enter the business world, for instance, the management skills learned in teaching are helpful in acquiring a job.

Q. What makes a good teacher? A. You must love people, children, be dedicated and open to the always changing school system.

Q. Do teachers ever have burnout? A. Yes, some do. You must have a balanced life, taking time out for yourself, pacing yourself and organizing your time. I work ten hours a day, teaching, correcting papers and tutoring.

...I learned crowd control quickly

Q. Are health benefits good for teachers in private schools? A. I can only speak for Village Christian School. We have excellent benefits. We have a retirement fund with access to financial planning.

Q. How do you feel about the magnet programs? A. The magnet programs are excellent because sometimes the bright children get lost in the school system. The magnet program offers those children the challenges they need.

Q. What do you get personally out of teaching? A. Having no children of my own, my students are like my children. I realize the important responsibility I have to guide, inspire and see that all my students needs are met.

Q. What can parents do to make the teacher's job easier? A. Parents should read with their children, be supportive and encourage good study habits, monitor television time, and instill a relationship between the student, teacher and parent. I also encourage lots of hugs and kisses.

Q. Any future plans you may have? A. I'm extremely happy teaching. Aside from the immediate satisfaction of seeing my current students grow, there are many rewards in being a teacher. Whenever I hear from a former student who is now in college, or from a parent who is thankful and supportive of what I'm doing with their children, I know I made the correct decision to be a teacher. I have no plans to retire.

See you next week.

Restaurant review

Sharky's and the broccoli burrito

By SHARON FELTON
Staff Writer

Once upon a time, Valley College didn't have many restaurants near by. Then Bryan Lubash and Steve Paperno opened Sharky's across the street. Their plan was to serve healthy Tex-Mex style food without the use of microwaves, styrofoam, MSG, or lard. They cared about the health of their diners and the environment.

Lubash and Paperno went all out with the decorating. The floors had black and white tile. The tables were black enamel with tall chairs to match. The counters were green marbled formica, and the white walls had a turquoise Aztec motif. The place was casual enough for lunch and fancy enough to take a date. It was a fun place for all ages to enjoy.

A host of dishes with steak, chicken, shrimp, and fish were served at moderate prices. Tacos were priced between $1.25 and $1.45. The shrimp and fish tacos became very popular.

A skeptical restaurant reviewer walked in looking for vegetarian cuisine. She was surprised to find vegetarian tacos, burritos, and tostadas along with side orders of rice, tortillas, guacomole, and a choice of black and pinto beans.

She ordered a vegetarian burrito with a side of rice. The portions were huge. The burrito had potato, beans, cheese, salsa, tomato, and broccoli. Broccoli? Yes-and it was delicious!

The salsa bar had a must try salsa verde and "killer hot" salsa. It also had the fresh and mild "pico de gallo". All of them were spicy and full of flavor. Nothing on the menu was greasy.

Today, Valley College students go there often and the owners are planning to expand.

The moral of this story is to try Sharky's at 13238 Burbank Blvd. in Van Nuys.

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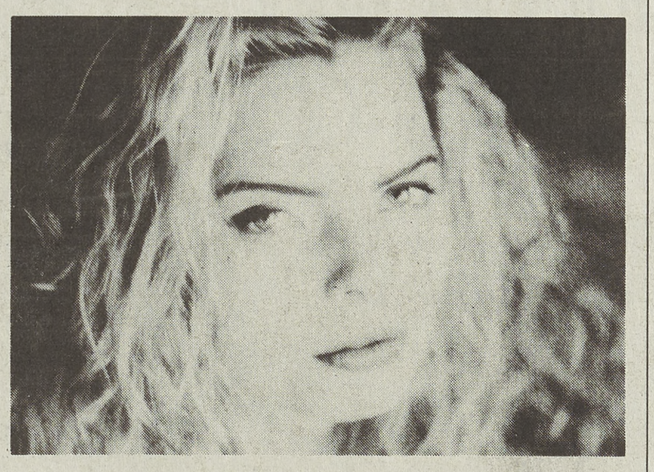
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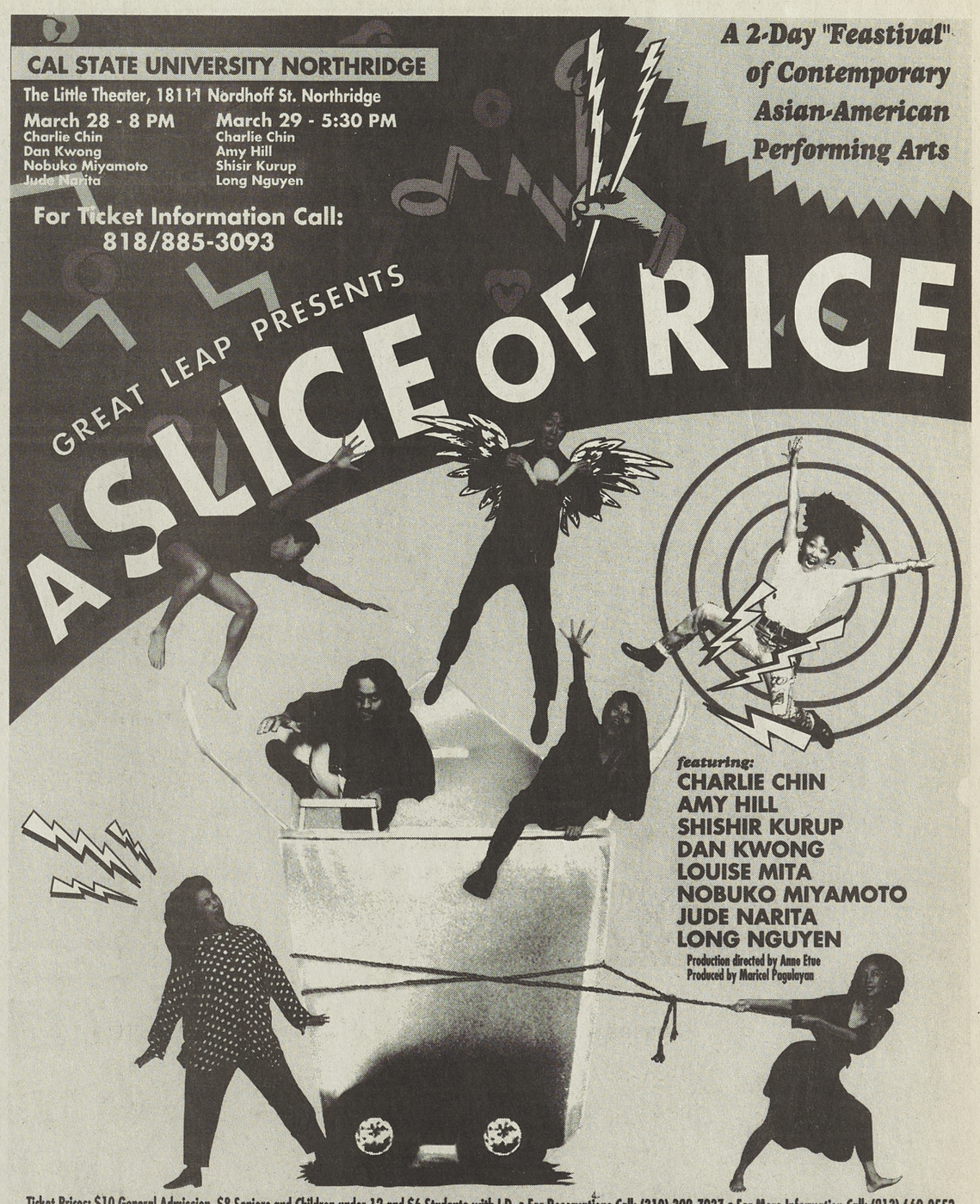
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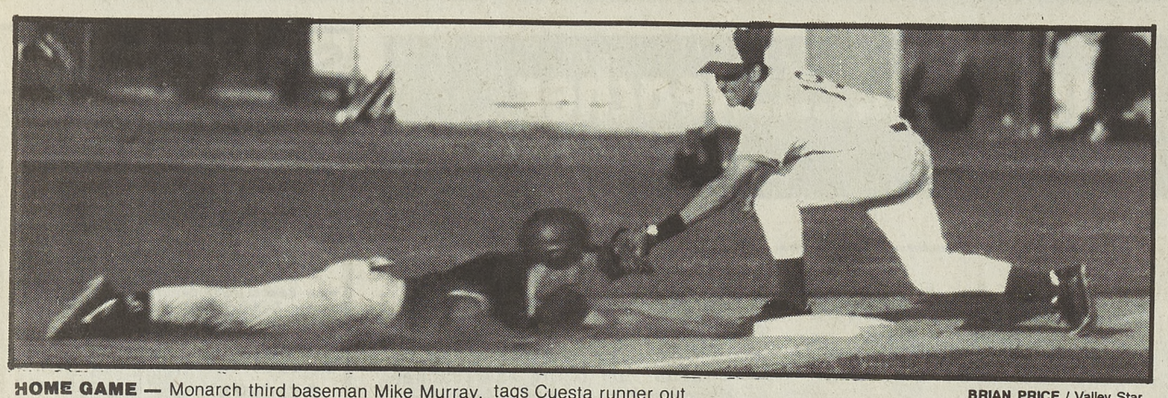

HOME GAME — Monarch third baseman Mike Murray, tags Cuesta runner out. BRIAN PRICE / Valley Star

Valley has chance for playoffs

By KEVIN BOLT
Staff Writer

The LAVC baseball team stayed in a fourth place tie in the Western State Conference with a 5-4, 10-inning win at Santa Monica last Tuesday.

The Monarchs (10-12)(5-4) will try to make up a game on first-place Pierce (8- 1) this Saturday at Valley.

Mike Engler of Valley pitched the last three innings, allowing no runs, while surrendering only one hit and striking out two to pick up the win. Engler lowered his team-leading E.R.A. to 3.31 by shutting down the Corsairs.

"I was a little nervous because last time out I couldn't throw strikes," Engler said. "It was a must win game, and I'm glad we managed to pull it out."

Valley's Colin Bode (1-0) started the game and pitched seven strong innings, allowing four earned runs, striking out two, and allowing no walks, bringing his E.R.A. to 4.78.

Trailing 2-0 heading to the top of the fourth, the Monarchs battled back and rallied for four runs off losing pitcher Ray Armendariz. Walks to Mario Joy, Tim Weir and Sean Lewis, followed by a base-clearing double by Shortstop Carlos Olmos gave Valley a 3-2 lead. Catcher Kevin Walsh then reached on an error scoring Olmos, to push the lead to 4-2. Santa Monica came back in the fifth with two runs of their own to knot the score at four.

The game remained tied until the top of the 10th when Engler helped his own cause with a lead-off double.Olmos then capped off a four-RBI afternoon, singling home Engler for the game winner.

"This was a very big game," Head Coach Chris Johnson said.

"Santa Monica was only one game behind us, and in a 20-game schedule, it was very important to put two games between us."

Olmos now leads the Monarchs with 13 RBI, including 11 in nine WSC games.His average is .298. Olmos started off hitting .133 after the first six games. "He's proven to be a very clutch player. He's worked very hard to improve himself," Johnson said of his shortstop.

Going into the second half of the season, Mike Murray leads the Monarch offense, batting .388, followed by Joy at .383 and Weir at .354.

Statistical pitching leaders for Valley are Engler (3- 1), with 2 saves and a 3.31 E.R.A; Willie Rivera (2-2), with a 3.36 E.R.A; and Manny Fernandez (3-3), 5.22 E.R.A.

Heading into the second half of WSC league play, LAVC Athletic Director Chuck Ferrero, said; "It looks to me like the WSC is a balanced league. I think any of the teams in the upper half of the win-loss column can win. As far as going into the play-offs, I think Valley has a chance to win. It's how well you manage your pitching, and the team with the most depth at pitching will win. Mike Engler is doing a good job out of the bullpen also."

Coach Johnson added: "All the games are big from here on in, and Engler has been very valuable to us. He's gotten out of two bases-loaded jams that we have put him into, and he is swingging the bat real well too."

WSC STANDINGS

Pierce	(8-1)
Ventura	(7-2)
C.O.C.	(6-4)
Valley	(5-4)
Bakersfield	(5-4)
Cuesta	(4-4)
Moorpark	(4-5)
Santa Monica	(3-6)
Santa Barbara	(3-6)
Glendale	(2-6)
Oxnard	(2-7)

CALENDAR

Baseball

Thursday 3/26 Santa Barbara at S.B. 2 p.m.
Friday 3/27 Moorpark at Valley 2 p.m. (make-up game)
Saturday 3/28 Pierce at Valley 1 p.m.
Tuesday 3/31 Valley at Bakersfield 2 p.m.

Track

Saturday 3/28 Cal. State Northridge Relays
Field events begin at 9 a.m.

Sports Opinion

NCAA fever provides March madness

By ANDY FISHMAN
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If you have ever visited Duke, Indiana, UCLA or North Carolina universities in the middle of March, it is probably too late; you've been hooked.

If you are a fan of good sports then the madness is in your blood.

Just what event is it that can have such a big effect on so many people? The answer is simple: the NCAA tournament. And unless totally oblivious to all that is going on around you, you have noticed that right now is tournament time, and March Madness is in full swing.

You may be asking yourself, "Hey, what is this tournament?" Well I am glad you asked.

Every year division one colleges play their basketball season with one hope in mind. To make it to the "big dance," or the NCAA tournament. You have to play well, as only 64 out of hundreds of teams are selected each year.

A total of 32 teams are what is known as automatic qualifiers, which means that by winning their division or their divisional tournament, they get an automatic bid in the tourney.

The other 32 teams get what is known as an"at-large" bid. This means that a selection committee, made up of administrators from different schools, pick the teams that have the best records but did not win their division or their divisional tournament.

Record is not the only thing that the selection committee goes on, as anyone attending the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay can attest to. UWGB had an outstanding record of 24-5, but because they lost in their divisional tournament, they did not get an automatic bid. And because of other factors they did not get an at-large bid.

These other factors included divisional record, road record, strength of schedule, ability to win at "crunch time" and the records of the teams that they have beaten.

The field is usually dominated by what are known as the power conferences. These conferences inlude: the Pac-10 (UCLA), the Big East (Syracuse), the Big 10 (Indiana), the ACC (Duke), the SEC (Kentucky), and what is considered the toughest conference of all, the Big Eight (Kansas).

But, seeing as this is a single illimination tournament, even the smaller schools have a chance if they get on a roll early.

This year the favorites are Kansas, Ohio State, UCLA and the number-one team in the country, Duke.

As of press time, both USC and Kansas had been knocked out of the tournament by major upsets. Duke, who won it all last year, is the pick to win it all again this year, but it won't happen. No team since the 1973 UCLA Bruins has won back-to-back titles, and 1992 is not the year that this record will fall.

This year look for UCLA, North Carolina, Memphis State and Seton Hall to make it to the Final Four in Minneapolis.

The Final Four is such a big event that in the history of televised sports, 9 of the top ten rated sporting events were Final Four games.

The number one watched sporting event of all time was the 1979 NCAA championship game that pitted the number one team in the country, Indiana State led by senior forward Larry Bird, against the underdog Michigan State team, led by sophomore-sensation Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Magic and the Spartans went on to win the game, and the rest is basketball history.

It has gotten so popular that now the women are getting into the act with their own version of the tournament. It is run much the same way as the men's tournament, only instead of a 64-team field they have 48 teams. Virginia is the top-ranked women's team in the country and should win it all this year.

The women's tournament is not as overwhelming as the men's side is, and not as popular yet. But in time there should be a madness that is unmatched by today's standards as women's college basketball catches on and becomes more and more popular.

On April 4 and 6, the Final Four will take place, and for good television viewing there is nothing that can beat it. It is pure excitement and adrenalin-pumping fun as the four best college teams in the country vie for a chance at being heralded number one and making their mark in the record book.

This year should be better than most in recent times as a local team, UCLA, should be up there fighting for that number one spot.

CORRECTION

In the March 19 issue on page 6 the baseball photograph had the incorrect caption. It should have read:

Relief pitcher Brian Gordon pitches to Ventura City College team last Thursday.

Santa Barbara track results

Men's 800-meter Relay—1, Ruben Benitez, Marcus Reed, Russell Hester, Kevin Maxie, 1:26.6.

100—1, Marcus Reed, 10.8.

Long Jump—1, Marcus Reed, 22-3.

400 hurdles—2, Jason Gibbs, 57.0

Women's 800 relay—1, Kim Montgomery, Sabrina Brown, Latara Hudson, Monique Baxter, 1:48.

400 hurdles—1, Priscilla Gonzales.

400 relay—3, Montgomery, Brown, Hudson, Baxter, 50.0.

Long jump—8, Monique Baxter.

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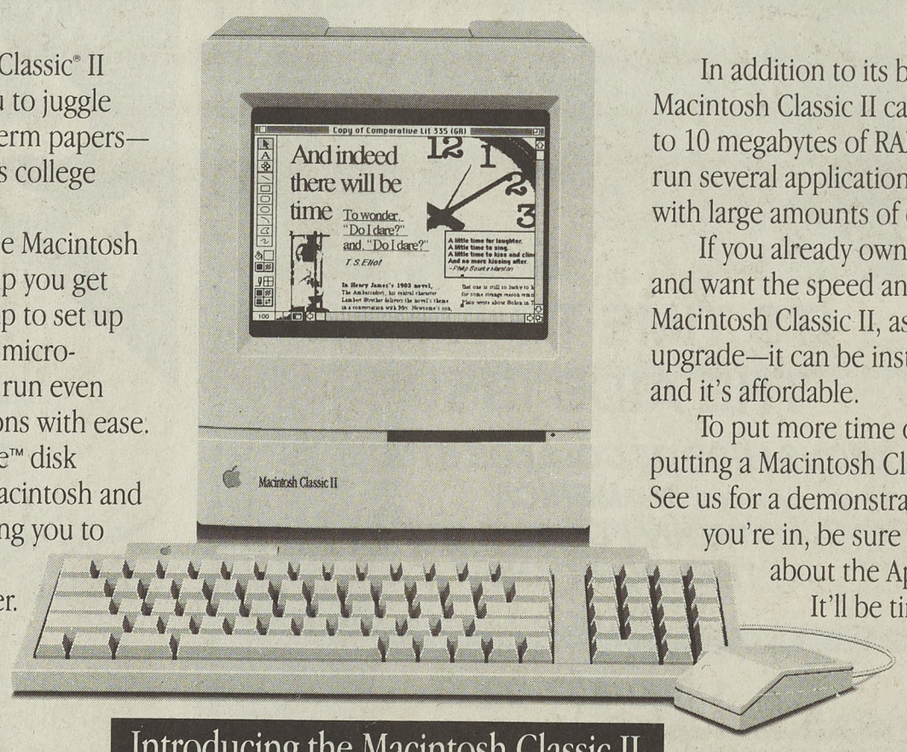

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